

Note to DD/I --

It is my understanding that the President considers the position of Deputy Secretary of Defense to be unique with the exception, we are informed, that the President personally raised the position of Under Secretary of State to be equivalent to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. I have a feeling that the Director may harm himself by seeking to raise the compensation of his position to that proposed for the Deputy Secretary of Defense. I would think from a legislative standpoint that it would be preferable if he were to retain the relative position approved by the House and the Senate Committee and concentrate on assuring that the rate of compensation for the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence is equivalent to the service Under Secretaries rather than that of Assistant Secretaries in the executive departments.

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